

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 ADDIS 07385 231335Z

43/17

ACTION AF-06

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-02 INR-07 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 NSCE-00

SSO-00 USIE-00 INRE-00 EUR-12 (ISO) W

----- 014624

O 230850Z JUN 75

FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

TO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI IMMEDIATE

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4991

AMCONSUL ASMARA

C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 7385

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (PARA FOUR LINES 4 THRU 6)

NAIROBI FOR A/SECRETARY DAVIS FROM AMBASSADOR HUMMEL

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP PFOR ET US

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF A/SECRETARY DAVIS: ETHIOPIA

1. FON MIN KIFLE WODAJO HAS JUST TELEPHONED ME. HE SAID THAT "PRESSURE OF BUSINESS" HERE HAS CAUSED HIM TO CANCEL HIS TRIP TO LOURENCO MARQUES FOR JUNE 25 INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD WELCOME YOUR VISIT IF YOU CAN STILL MAKE IT.

2. I UNDERTOOK TO INFORM YOU OF THIS DEVELOPMENT. I ASKED WHETHER YOU COULD SEE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PMAC IF YOU CAME. HE REPLIED THAT CHAIRMAN HAD NOT YET BEEN ASKED.

3. I RECOMMEND YOU ACCEPT FONMIN'S INVITATION TO REINSTATE YOUR VISIT, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

4. REASONS FOR THIS REVERSAL REMAIN UNCLAS TO US AT PRESENT. WE ESTIMATE THAT VARIOUS PRESSURES MAY HAVE CAUSED FONMIN TO REVERSE HIMSELF. IN ADDITION TO THE PRESS OF OTHER ISSUES UNRELATED TO THE U.S., AND TO WHICH THE FONMIN HAS REFERRED, CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 ADDIS 07385 231335Z

THESE MAY INCLUDE:

(A) PRESSURE FROM KENYANS. KENYAN AMBASSADOR HERE WAS QUITE UPSET WHEN TOLD YOU WERE SKIPPING ETHIOPIA THIS TRIP BECAUSE OF FONMIN'S ABSENCE IN MOZAMBIQUE. HE THOUGHT THAT THIS COULD WELL BE MISREAD, NOTABLY IN MOGADISCIO AND MOSCOW, AS EVIDENCE OF DETERIORATING US-ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS, WITH DESTABILIZING EFFECT.

(B) GREATER CONCERN ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF OFFENDING THE USG IN VIEW OF THE TOUGHER LINE I TOOK WITH KIFLE ON HANNA JUNE 21 AND THE NEWS I THEN GAVE HIM OF THE REDUCTION IN THE PEACE CORPS PROGRAM.

(C) ALTERNATIVELY, THE FONMIN'S POSSIBLE CALCULATION THAT YOUR PRESENCE AND HIS MIGHT HELP IN CONVINCING THE DIRG NOT REPEAT NOT TO PRESS FOR THE FILING OF ESPIONAGE CHARGES AGAINST HANNA

5. GIVEN FONMIN'S DECISION IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT CHAIRMAN WILL AGREE TO RECEIVE YOU IF YOU CAN COME. HOWEVER, AS DIRG IS FINAL ARBITER, WE PERFORCE MUST ACCEPT SOME UNCERTAINTY ON THIS POINT, AS WELL AS ON POSSIBLE OAU APPOINTMENTS.

6. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.
HUMMEL

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: POLICIES, MINISTERIAL VISITS, MEETINGS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 23 JUN 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: ShawDG
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975ADDIS07385
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750218-0189
From: ADDIS ABABA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750623/aaaaaukp.tel
Line Count: 84
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ShawDG
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 16 JUN 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <16 JUN 2003 by CunninFX>; APPROVED <28 OCT 2003 by ShawDG>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: TRAVEL OF A/SECRETARY DAVIS: ETHIOPIA
TAGS: OVIP, PFOR, ET, US, (DAVIS, NATHANIEL)
To: NAIROBI
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006